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LUMINESCENCE CONVERSION ELEMENT

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U.S. Patent No. 6,576,930 (hereinafter "the '930 patent"), which claims priority to the present application, is part of a litigation before the United States International Trade Commission ("ITC"), specifically:

In the Matter of: CERTAIN LIGHT-EMITTING DIODES AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING SAME – Investigation No. 337-TA-512

With regard to the ITC litigation, we submit a copy of the public version of the "Initial Determination on Violation of Section 337 and Recommended Determination on Remedy and Bond" (Reference CO), a copy of the "Notice of Commission Final Determination of No Violation of Section 337 as to One Patent and Determination to Remand the Investigation as

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Certain Other Patents" (Reference CN), and a copy of the public version of the "Commission Opinion" (Reference CP).

During the ITC litigation, it was alleged, unsuccessfully, that: 1) the '930 patent is indefinite because it does not disclose any criteria or methodology for measuring the path length of the light within the luminescence conversion layer other than requiring a luminescence conversion layer of constant thickness; and 2) The '930 patent is not enabled as required by Section 112 if the claim term "substantially equal path length" is construed as emitting homogeneous white light, because the '930 patent does not define homogeneous white light, how factors are manipulated to effect production of homogeneous light, or how to make a LED emit homogeneous white light.

The Court disagreed. Its analysis of the allegation of invalidity of the '930 patent is addressed at page 70 of the ITC's Initial Determination. Additional documents further describing the invalidity allegation exist, however, they are filed with the ITC under seal.

Also disclosed as part of this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) are references cited in communications from foreign patent offices regarding foreign counter-part applications. Copies of the communications from the foreign patent offices are also disclosed, specifically, a Notice of Opposition from the European Patent Office (reference CL), a translation of a Japanese Office Action (reference CK), and six European Search Reports (reference CM). Some of the references cited in these foreign communications are already of record.

Finally, we note that there are a number of applications related to the present application. Specifically, the following applications claim priority to the present application: U.S. patent application serial number 09/731,220, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,812,500; U.S. patent application serial number 09/731,452, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,576,930 (i.e., the '930 patent); U.S. patent application serial number 09/828,727, now abandoned following a decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences; U.S. patent application serial number 10/979,778, now published as U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005-0127385; U.S. patent application serial number 11/080,786, now published as U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005-0161694; and U.S. patent application serial number 11/150,916.

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